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The Christian's life in all its aspects—intellectual and ethical, devotional and relational, upsurging in worship and outgoing in witness—is supernatural; only the Spirit can initiate and sustain it. So apart from him, not only will there be no lively believers and no lively congregations, there will be no believers and no congregations at all.

- J. I. Packer

God gathers us together for worship

Worship in Song

"Blessed Be Your Name"

Call to Worship

Leader: Praise the LORD! For it is good to sing praises to our God;

for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting.

People: He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.

Leader: He determines the number of the stars; he gives to all of them their names.

People: Great is our Lord, and abundant in power;

his understanding is beyond measure.

Leader: His delight is not in the strength of the horse, nor his pleasure in the legs of a man,

People: but the Lord takes pleasure in those who fear him,

in those who hope in his steadfast love.

Worship in Song

"You Reign"

Words and music: Matt and Beth Redman © 2002 Thankyou Music

Psalm 147:1, 3-5, 10-11

Words and music: William Murphy, Miah White © 2012 This is a time to be honest with God about our sin and ask Him for forgiveness through Jesus.

Confession and Assurance

Heavenly Father, You told us to love You with our whole being, but we have not.

We have fled from You in unbelief.

We have treasured the gifts rather than the Giver.

We have complained about our circumstances rather than rejoice in Your presence.

You told us to love our neighbor, but we have not.

Instead of speaking well of them, we have gossiped.

Instead of reconciling with them, we have held on to bitterness.

Instead of loving them, we have only loved ourselves.

Forgive us our sins, renew us by Your Spirit, and increase our faith as we follow You. Amen.

- silent confession -

Isaiah 53:5

But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed.

Worship in Song

"Search Me"

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Having been reconciled with God through Christ, we can share peace with one another and participate in His work.

Passing of the Peace

Community Life

Engagement Team Update and Prayer: Young Women's Academy

Scripture Reading

John 3:1-8

Reader: The Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God!**

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Offering, Worship in Song

"Tis So Sweet To Trust In Jesus"

God feeds us with His Word

Sermon

When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. 2 And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. 3 And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. 4 And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

5 Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. 6 And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. 7 And they were amazed and astonished, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? 8 And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? 9 Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, 10 Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, 11 both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians—we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God." 12 And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" 13 But others mocking said, "They are filled with new wine."

Leader: The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever.

People: Praise be to God!

Acts 2:1-13

Isaiah 40:8

Today's sermon is given by Pastor Matt Lorish.

We encourage you to use this space to take notes or write questions.

1 Corinthians 11:23b-26

Gluten and nut-free wafers can be found in the wooden boxes.

At the front right of the room stands a person ready to pray with and for you.

The Lord's Supper

The Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Leader: Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

People: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Worship in Song

"God Who Saves"

"Every Praise"

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Benediction

About

Northside Church of Richmond is a mission church of the Presbyterian Church in America (www. pcanet.org), planted in October 2011.

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Held every Sunday at 4pm in the fellowship hall of Battery Park Christian Church, on the corner of Brook and Bellevue. Visitors are always welcome!

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